



**FEMA**

AUG - 9 2013

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

This is in response to your July 9, 2013, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Arizona as a result of the Yarnell Hill Fire that began on June 28, 2013. You specifically requested the Individuals and Households Program and Disaster Case Management for Yavapai County and Hazard Mitigation statewide. You also requested direct federal assistance in the form of the Burned Area Emergency Response program.

On June 30, 2013, FEMA approved the State of Arizona's request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant designated as FEMA-5032-FM to provide supplemental assistance with the cost of the fire management activities for the Yarnell Hill Fire in Yavapai County.

We have also thoroughly reviewed the additional assistance requested, including the supplemental information which you provided in your July 12, 2013, letter. However, it has been determined that the damage to uninsured private residences from this event was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the state, affected local governments, and voluntary agencies. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. Any appeal pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.46, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through Nancy Ward, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX, located at:

1111 Broadway, Suite 1200  
Oakland, CA 94607-4052

FEMA has notified the Small Business Administration (SBA) of the potential need for disaster loan assistance as a result of this event. As a means of expediting assistance to states affected by disasters, should you submit a request for disaster loan assistance to SBA, it will be considered without regard to whether this Stafford Act declaration determination has been appealed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

W. Craig Fugate  
Administrator